



COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 20, 2011 3:30 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Coté
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- Corporate Officer/Director of Legislative Services
Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance & Information Technology
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant Corporate Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda was varied as follows:

- Item 4 was deleted from the Agenda
- A document entitled "Attachment 6, Schedule of Suppliers of Goods or Services - added on Table to Item 11
- 22nd Street Station Policing and Security (added as Item 13)
- Public Spaces Recycling Program (added as Item 14).

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: Items 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 and dealt with separately.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the recommendations arising from the Consent Agenda, except Items 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10, be approved as follows:

Director of Development Services

2. **832 Royal Avenue - Request for Removal from Heritage Register**

June 20, 2011 report seeking direction to request the owner of 832 Royal Avenue to have the property removed from the Heritage Register

** *THAT staff be directed to refer the request for removal of 832 Royal Avenue from the Heritage Register to the Community Heritage Commission for comment if appropriate and if not, proceed.*

3. **101 Agnes Street – New Heritage Revitalization Agreement for First and Second Reading**

June 20, 2011 report proposing a Heritage revitalization agreement and Heritage Designation for 101 Agnes Street

** *THAT Heritage Revitalization Agreement (101 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7471, 2011 and Heritage Designation (101 Agnes Street) Bylaw No. 7422, 2011 be referred to the June 20, 2011 Regular meeting of Council for consideration of first and second readings.*

4. **Flood Plain Covenant for Multi-use Civic Facility**

June 20, 2011 report seeking consideration of a Section 219 covenant regarding an application to construct in the flood plain

Deleted from the Agenda.

8. **115 Richmond Street – St. Peters Cemetery**

June 20, 2011 report regarding an application for rezoning at 115 Richmond Street

THAT the June 20, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services regarding preliminary information on a rezoning application for 115 Richmond Street – St. Peters Cemetery be received for information.

Director of Finance and Information Technology

11. **2010 Statement of Financial Information**

June 20, 2011 report presenting the SOFI report

The following was circulated on table by the Director of Finance and Information Technology (and will be added to the agenda package);

- “Attachment 6, Schedule of Suppliers of Goods or Services.

** *THAT the 2010 Statement of Financial Information as attached to the June 20, 2011 report from the Director of Finance & Information Technology be received and approved.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Director of Development Services

1. New Westminster's Oldest Homes – Pre – 1890 Houses

June 20, 2011 report presenting information on the oldest homes in the City and seeking direction to research them and consult with owners about listing homes on the City's Heritage Register

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, responded to a question regarding the choice of "pre-1890" houses rather than another date.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**

THAT staff and the Community Heritage Commission be directed to conduct research on the houses identified in the June 20, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services regarding New Westminster's Oldest Houses – Pre-1890 Houses, and approach the owners about listing their homes on the Heritage Register.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

5. 273 and 275 Sherbrooke Street – Cancellation of Public Hearing and Proposed Project Next Steps

June 20, 2011 report regarding a proposed OCP amendment

The following concerns community concerns were raised:

- Over the proposed delay in dealing with the Sherbrooke Street application to the fall
- Problems in the area are emanating from other facilities in the community
- Is Elizabeth Fry in consultation with neighbours?
- It is not clear why the RCH project may cause delays in this project. What is the connection between the two?
- The negative impact on the neighbourhood from the project.

In discussion, members made the following comments:

- Support the project proceeding through a consultation/public relations process
- Explore the City's long term plans for the area and communicate this vision to the public.

John Stark, Social Planner, responded to the comments/questions. The Director noted that Development Services is currently preparing a series of bulletins in the form of user-friendly "how to's" for the public to explain the process from application to permit.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the proposed consultation process outlined in the June 20, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services regarding 273 and 275 Sherbrooke Street – Cancellation of Public Hearing and Proposed Project Next Steps be endorsed.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

6. **Proposed Rezoning of 125 Columbia Street - Amendment to Bylaw No. 7463, 2011**
June 20, 2011 report regarding a proposal to decrease the density of the mixed use commercial and multiple family residential
Staff responded to questions regarding the staff report.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the June 20, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services regarding a proposal to decrease the density of the mixed use commercial and multiple family residential development proposed for 125 Columbia Street be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

7. **Homelessness Update for New Westminster**
June 20, 2011 report updating Council on the homelessness situation in the City

John Stark, Social Planner, responded to questions/comments from Council. Mr. Stark agreed to report back to Council in the fall about shelter usage.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the June 20, 2011 report from the Director of Development Services on Homelessness Update for New Westminster be received for information.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering

9. **City-wide Pedestrian Safety – Accident Statistics from ICBC**
June 20, 2011 report providing statistical summary of motor vehicle accidents involving pedestrians from 2006 to 2010

During discussion, members made the following comments:

- Refer the report to the Special Services and Access Committee with a request for them to determine whether access barriers might be contributing to the statistics outlined in the report
- Staff to look at the intersection of Royal Avenue and Stewardson for a more accurate analysis of statistics
- Also refer the report to New Westminster School District and the GPAHC
- Is information available on the seriousness of the accidents.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the June 20, 2011 report from the Director of Engineering regarding City-wide pedestrian safety – Accident Statistics from ICBC be received for information; and THAT the report be referred to the following:

- *Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee,*
- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for information,*
- *Special Services and Access Committee to determine whether there are access barriers that might be contributing to the statistics set out in the staff report,*
- *School District #40, and*

- *The District Parent Advisory Committee.*

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

10. Development Variance Permit No. 524 – Off-site Servicing Works for St. Mary’s Site School Project

June 20, 2011 report regarding a DVP application to vary the requirements for underground electrical and communication utilities for St. Mary’s site school project

The Director of Engineering responded to questions from members noting the land exchange agreement is currently in preparation.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the City give notice that it intends to consider a motion to approve and issue Development Variance Permit No. 524 to retain overhead electrical and communication utility lines for the St. Mary’s Site School project.

CARRIED.

Opposed: Councillor McEvoy.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**

THAT funding and installing underground wiring for the Saint Mary’s site school project be referred to the Electrical Utility for their consideration.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Osterman left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and did not return.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Director of Development Services

12. Development Permit for portion of 271 Francis Way (Parcel J, Victoria Hill) Multiple Family Residential Development

May 30, 2011 report regarding an application for a side yard variance at 271 Francis Way

A member questioned how and when the parking problems at Victoria Hill will be addressed.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the City give notice that it intends to consider a motion to approve and issue Development Permit No. 009(W) with a variance for a side yard setback (for a portion of 271 Francis Way) for the proposed multiple family residential development on Parcel J, Victoria Hill.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

13. 22nd Street Skytrain Station Policing and Security

A community member has raised concerns about security at Translink stations. Staff was directed to consult with TransLink and follow up with the author of the emails. It was suggested that New Westminster Policy also be included in discussions.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff follow up on concerns related to security at the 22nd Street Skytrain Station.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee voted in favour of the motion.

14. Public Spaces Recycling

A member recycling for public spaces. In discussion, it was suggested the project proceed as a pilot.

**** MOVED AND SECONDED, this Committee recommends**

THAT the City move forward with implementation of a pilot program for public spaces recycling program.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Certified Correct,

**WAYNE WRIGHT
MAYOR**

**RICHARD L. PAGE
CORPORATE OFFICER**